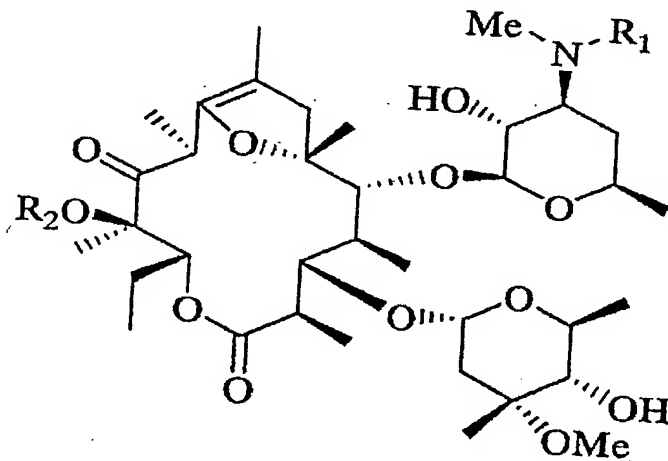


Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the abstract as follows:

~~The present invention provides a therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction, which is suitable for continuous medication and comprises an active ingredient a~~
A compound of Formula (1) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



(wherein R_1 represents a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group and R_2 represents a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group). ~~The above erythromycin derivatives of Formula (1) has an improving effect on defecation dysfunction, and this improving effect on defecation dysfunction leads to acceleration of normal defecation, while unlike a laxative, is effective in the treatment of constipation. Further, the above compound of Formula (1) is also suitable for long term clinical use because of its weaker antibacterial action than erythromycin. Thus, the present invention provides an agent~~

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~~having a safe and potent therapeutic and/or preventive effect
on defecation dysfunction.~~